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Cyclist has collected each and every nail thrown around at entire stretch on Tumkur Road between Nelamangala and Bengaluru

HE HAS NAILED IT

He starts his task at 5 am each day, has collected over 6kg nails so far

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A Hari Krishna from Rajajinagar is on a mission. The gentleman retiree, who was cycling at Goraguntepalya on Tumkur Road, was shocked when his cycle was punctured five days ago right at the start of the flyover. The culprit was a nail -- and Hari Krishna decided to do something about this situation.

He decided to get the entire stretch on Tumkur Road between Nelamangala and Bengaluru rid of nails. He has been collecting nails that are allegedly thrown around by puncture shop owners, who want to make a quick buck from ready customers.

"My aim is to make the flyovers free from the menace of nails. I will continue my mission as long as my health permits —A Hari Krishna

"I have had the habit of cycling in the morning up to Nelamangala for many years now. I have never faced any problem while cycling all these years. I was shocked when one of my bicycle tires got punctured five days ago. I had to call my son to take me home on his two-wheeler as there was no puncture shop open in the early morning. I noticed some more nails at the spot at the time," said Hari Krishna.

The puncture incident got Hari Krishna thinking that he must do something for two-wheeler riders who are vulnerable to similar problems. "I went to a shop that sells magnets. The owner gave me the magnet free after he came to know

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Living reality

Movie Magic @ Urban Solace brings to you the screening of 'Summer at Grandpa's' by Hsiao-Hsien Hou. The story revolves around two siblings and the experiences they encounter as they spend a pivotal summer away from home with their grandparents. As they wile away the days at play, the elder sibling is garnering glimpses of adult responsibility and is slowly growing to realise what it means to be a grownup. **Where: Urban Solace—Cafe for the Soul; When: May 12, 6 pm onwards**

02 Think on

Witness 'Beyond Hattamala,' an English adaptation of the Bengali play 'Hattamalar Oparey' by Badal Sircar, who is known for his socially conscious themes. With a story that stokes imagination along with music and dance by the ensemble, the play is both entertaining and thought-provoking and suitable for ages 6 to 60 years old. **Where: Ranga Shankara When: May 12**

Celebrating Mother's Day

Manipal Hospitals in Bengaluru organised an event titled "Celebrating Motherhood: From New Beginnings to Golden Years" on Saturday to mark Mother's Day and honour motherhood experiences. The event united over 100 participants, including new mothers navigating modern life demands or the elderly embracing their golden years. Two panel discussions with gynaecologists, internal medicine specialists, psychiatrists, dermatologists, urologists, and bariatric surgeons addressed concerns faced by mothers across generations. The first panel focused on the concerns of millennial mothers. Mental health issues were discussed, along with family communication strategies. The second panel discussed geriatric care for mothers. Participants showcased their talents through poetry recitations and singing performances, adding to the lively atmosphere.

Pure concert bliss

Singer Shreya Ghoshal mesmerised the audience during her All Hearts Tour, for which Bangalore Mirror was the media partner, in Bengaluru on Saturday. She had the audience, including winners of our BM Win WIn Situation contest, swaying to all her popular songs

City may see more rainfall, further drop in mercury

Over next five days, dip of 2–4°C in temperature is expected, says Met dept

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Bengaluru may experience a respite from its record-breaking temperatures for the next six to seven days. On Friday, the temperature dropped to 32 degrees Celsius, the lowest recorded for May compared to the previous high of 38 degrees Celsius. With widespread rainfall expected, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) anticipates a further decrease in temperatures by two to four degrees Celsius in Bengaluru and other areas of the state over the next five days.

Explaining the synoptic meteorological features, Dr N Puviarasan, a scientist at IMD, said, "A trough/wind discontinuity extends from Marathwada to the Comorin area across interior Karnataka and Kerala at an altitude of 0.9 km above mean sea level. Concurrently, the cyclonic circulation that was previously located over south Kerala and its vicinity has now shifted to the southeast Arabian Sea off the Kerala coast at an altitude of 1.5 km above mean sea level." Hence, the weather forecast includes heavy rain/thundershowers accompanied by gusty winds (40–50 kmph) expected in districts like Shivamogga, Kodagu, Hassan, and Mysuru.

Moderate rain or thundershowers are likely in areas such as Dakshina Kannada and Udupi. Light to moderate rain or thundershowers with gusty winds (40–50 kmph) are anticipated in districts like Belagavi, Bagalkot, Vijayapura, Dharwad, Gadag, Ballari, Bengaluru Rural and Urban, Chamarajanagar, Chikkaballapura, Chikkamagaluru, Chitradurga, Davangere, Kolar, Mandya, Ramanagara, Tumakuru, and Vijayanagara. Furthermore, there may be light rain or thundershowers with gusty winds (40–50 kmph) in districts like Bidar, Haveri, Kalaburgi, Koppal, Raichur, and Yadgir.

> **"The intensity of weather activity is forecast to rise over Karnataka around May 12 and 13, followed by a rise in Kerala between May 15 and 17**
>
> – Skymet report

For Bengaluru city and neighbouring areas, the weather outlook is as follows: Over the next 24 hours, a generally cloudy sky is expected, with light to moderate rain or thunderstorms likely towards the evening or night in some areas. Maximum and minimum temperatures are forecasted to be around 32°C and 21°C, respectively. Looking ahead to the next 48 hours, a generally cloudy sky is anticipated, with light to moderate rain or thunderstorms likely towards the evening or night in some areas. Maximum and minimum temperatures are likely to remain around 32°C and 21°C, respectively.

Motorists pass through flooded water on Museum Road after the evening shower on Wednesday in Bengaluru

Skymet, a private weather forecaster, reported that the southern regions of the country endured prolonged dry and hot spells throughout April and the beginning of May. "During April, a pre-monsoon trough over the interiors of South India remained relatively inactive. However, it became active in early May, spanning from Telangana to the interiors of Tamil Nadu and Kerala. Cities like Hyderabad, Bengaluru, Mysuru, Anantapur, Madurai, Kochi, and Thiruvananthapuram experienced significant rainfall, leading to a decrease in temperatures, with readings falling below 40°C even in interior areas. This weather pattern is expected to persist for at least another week, with increased activity in the western half of Peninsular India, particularly in the states of Karnataka and Kerala compared to Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh. A north-south trough will stretch from Telangana to Kerala, passing through Karnataka, Rayalaseema, and Tamil Nadu, potentially giving rise to an embedded cyclonic circulation within this trough. The intensity of weather activity is forecast to rise over Karnataka around May 12 and 13, followed by escalation in Kerala between May 15 and 17. Fortunately, no heatwave conditions are expected over South India during this period," the report said.

Bus passengers give thumbs down to BMTC's UPI payment facility

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The passengers of Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) have complained that conductors are refusing UPI payment for tickets. According to the commuters, the electronic ticketing machines (ETMs) issued to conductors have not been functioning properly.

Since Monday, commuters have been struggling to make payments for their tickets as the ETMs have been dysfunctional. According to the commuters, the conductors have been instructed by BMTC officials to not allow UPI payment.

According to Girish, a commuter on the KIA15 bus, the conductors have been asked not to issue payment via the UPI method. "I have been facing the issue since Monday. I travel daily on the KIA15 (Vaju Vajra) from Vyedhi to the airport. The ETMs that are used to scan for UPI payments are showing an error. Conductors say that they are not able to tally the fare," he added. As per the screenshot shared by the commuter, the error appears on the Canara Bank page, stating, 'An error occurred while trying to establish a secure connection. Please try again later.' BMTC has a tie-up with Canara Bank for the ETMs.

Amogh, a member of Friends of BMTC, told BM that the BMTC crew also told them that they had been issued instructions to not allow online payments. "The servers of the BMTC ETMs are not working. When the ETM application is being opened to scan for the payments, it shows an error. BMTC officials have asked conductors not to issue online payments. Conductors say that with the error, they are not able to verify the processing of the payment," he added.

Nearly all BMTC buses are equipped with the feature allowing for online payments. BMTC has around 6,132 buses operating across Bengaluru, with nearly 30 lakh passengers travelling through them. However, BMTC officials denied facing any issues. "We are not facing any server issues within BMTC," said a senior BMTC official.

30 lakh cases so far: Riders on a roll, toss out traffic rule book

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The Bengaluru Traffic Police recorded a total of 30,61,524 traffic violation cases in 2024, till April. Of these, with 26,60,240 cases, a significant 86.89 per cent were attributed to two-wheelers. Autos accounted for 5,971 cases, while light motor vehicles saw 3,67,005 cases.

Additionally, 4,405 cases were registered against goods vehicles, 14,319 against buses, and 9,584 against tempos. Notably, buses contributed to only 0.47 per cent of the total violations, while autos, goods vehicles, light motor vehicles, and tempos accounted for 0.20, 0.14, 11.99, and 0.31 per cent respectively.

Among the 30 lakh traffic violations that have been booked within the city limits, one of the most alarming trends is the staggering number of cases of riding without helmets. A whopping 12,10,550 and 9,18,989 violations were recorded for riders and pillion riders without helmets, respectively.

Wrong parking emerged as another significant concern, with 3,53,075 violations recorded across the city. Similarly, cases of defective registration number plates, reckless driving, and jumping traffic signals are also high.

The city recorded 76,838 cases of vehicles sporting defective registration number plates. Additionally, 1,55,264 instances of jumping traffic signals were also reported. Reckless driving, with 1,263 reported incidents, and overspeeding, with 1,787 cases, are also becoming concerning traffic violations in Bengaluru.

Despite many enforcement drives, drunken driving remains a persistent issue in Bengaluru, with 4,275 cases reported. Another concerning trend is the rampant use of mobile phones while driving, with 44,352 violations recorded.

Furthermore, violations such as riding on footpaths, triple riding, and parking in prohibited areas demonstrate a blatant disregard for traffic norms and public safety.

Instances of driving without a licence contribute to a total of 2,193 cases, while breaches of no-entry signs amounted to 49,723. Prohibitions against Heavy Transport Vehicles (HTVs) contribute 234 violations. Other common offences included driving without a uniform with 1,430 cases, parking on footpaths with 52,044 cases, and triple riding with 62,688 cases.

Additionally, a staggering 1,05,155 cases involve drivers neglecting safety belt regulations. Instances of improper parking at intersections with 4,549 cases and BMTC bus stops with 3,055 cases are also prevalent, along with riding on footpaths with 4,502 cases and 141 cases of exceeding passenger limits in goods vehicles.

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B'luru's noise pollution report card out now

While NIMHANS area shows improvement, residential areas grapple with rising noise levels due to vehicular pollution

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The noise pollution report card of Bengaluru over the last five years presents a mixed picture. According to noise pollution data from April released by the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB), while the area around NIMHANS is showing signs of improvement in terms of noise reduction, little has changed for the rest of the city.

The data from KSPCB's noise pollution monitoring stations indicate a significant decrease in average decibel levels near NIMHANS during both daytime and nighttime. Over the past five years, daytime noise levels have decreased by nearly 35 per cent, while nighttime levels have dropped by 37 per cent. In April 2020, NIMHANS recorded an average decibel value of 68.2 dB during the day and 74.1 dB at night. By April 2024, these figures had decreased to 45 dB and 47.1 dB, respectively. Despite improvements near NIMHANS, other silent and residential zones in the city continue to experience high noise levels. For instance, noise pollution monitoring stations at BTM Layout, a residential area, show a considerable increase in nighttime noise levels. In April 2020, the nighttime sound level was 50 dB in the area, but it has now surpassed 62 dB. Similarly, the station at Teri Office in Domlur, another residential area, has also recorded a surge in sound levels.

According to Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) rules, permissible noise limits are 55 dB during the day and 45 dB at night in residential areas. City-based anti-noise campaigners attribute the higher noise levels in these areas primarily to vehicular pollution, which can significantly impact the quality of life for residents. They emphasise that while there are stringent rules in place, enforcement remains a challenge.

According to CPCB rules, permissible noise limits are 55 dB during the day and 45 dB at night in residential areas

The prevention, control, and abatement of noise pollution fall under the jurisdiction of the State Pollution Control Board, which is the KSPCB. The board is responsible for advising the state government on this matter, collecting and disseminating information related to noise pollution, and collaborating with the CPCB on programs for noise pollution abatement. Additionally, the KSPCB is expected to inspect noise pollution control areas, assess noise quality, and take steps to prevent, control, and abate noise pollution in such areas.

"Offenders are liable for penalties under the Noise Pollution (Regulation and Control) Rules, 2000. If the noise level exceeds ambient noise standards by 10 dB or more, a complaint can be lodged with the authority. The authority is then supposed to act on the complaint and take action against violators following the provisions of these rules. However, enforcement on the ground is lacking," said a city-based anti-noise campaigner.

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Trim the trees

Lavelle Road

The BBMP forest cell currently lacks any scheduled initiatives to identify and prune tree branches or remove trees that pose a risk of falling, particularly around Lavelle Main Road opposite the Honda showroom.

Repair the cameras

Basavanagudi

The cameras near BMS College for Women are damaged due to vandalism.

Armed with magnet, citizen takes nails on

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what I intended to do with it. I began collecting nails with the help of the magnet four days ago. I manage to collect nails on the road up to 100 metres every day. Till date, I covered a half km distance and collected more than 6 kg of nails that were thrown on the road," he said.

He begins his journey of collecting nails at 5.30 am because he considers the early morning as the best time for him as there is not much vehicular traffic on the road. "I collect the nails with the help of the magnet. My aim is to make the flyovers free from the menace of nails . I will continue my mission as long as my health permits," he said. He said that he had already informed the Yeshwanthpur Police on Tuesday about the nails thrown on the road. "They have assured me to look into the matter," he said.

Sathwik Sudhi, a techie from RR Nagar, said that he too had noticed nails lying at the underpass near BEL Circle. "My bicycle tire got punctured when I was at the underpass. I suspect some people have thrown nails at the underpass with a vested interest," Sudhi said.

Plaints pile up: More knocks on ECI's door

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Several groups concerned with democratic rights undertook a joint campaign to hold the Election Commission of India (ECI) accountable for its inaction against violations of the Model Conduct of Code (MCC) and laws during the Lok Sabha elections.

On Saturday, a joint complaint was submitted through the offices of the Chief Electoral Officers in different cities like Bengaluru, Ahmedabad, Mumbai, Hyderabad and others, and a letter was also submitted to the office of the Chief Election Commissioner in Delhi. This collective also undertook a postcard campaign in which hundreds of postcards were sent to ECI, Delhi from various cities with the image of a spine - thereby demanding the Election Commission to 'Grow A Spine or Resign'. The issues in the ongoing Lok Sabha elections highlighted by the group in the letter submitted included the voter turnout data shared only in percentages and not in numbers, raising concerns about manipulation of the vote count.

In 2019, reports indicated discrepancies between votes polled and votes counted in the Lok Sabha elections in 373 constituencies, including a surplus of more than 18,000 in Kancheepuram and 14,512 in Sriperumbudur. So far, the ECI has not explained the discrepancy. This time around, the ECI has refused to share the data about votes polled, instead sharing only the percentage of votes polled. This is leading to fears of vote counts being manipulated.

The letter also highlighted the failure to combat hate speech during elections. It says Narendra Modi has made several speeches which pit communities against one another and promote hatred between communities on religious lines. This amounts to a violation of the Model Code of Conduct, amounts to a corrupt practice under the Representation of People's Act and a violation of the ECI's advisory to political parties. So far, Modi, who is a star campaigner, has not even been served a notice. The letter was also signed by 222 people from various walks of life, including lawyers, activists, filmmakers, academics and citizens.

Citizens undertook a postcard campaign in which 100s of postcards were sent to ECI, demanding them to 'Grow A Spine or Resign'

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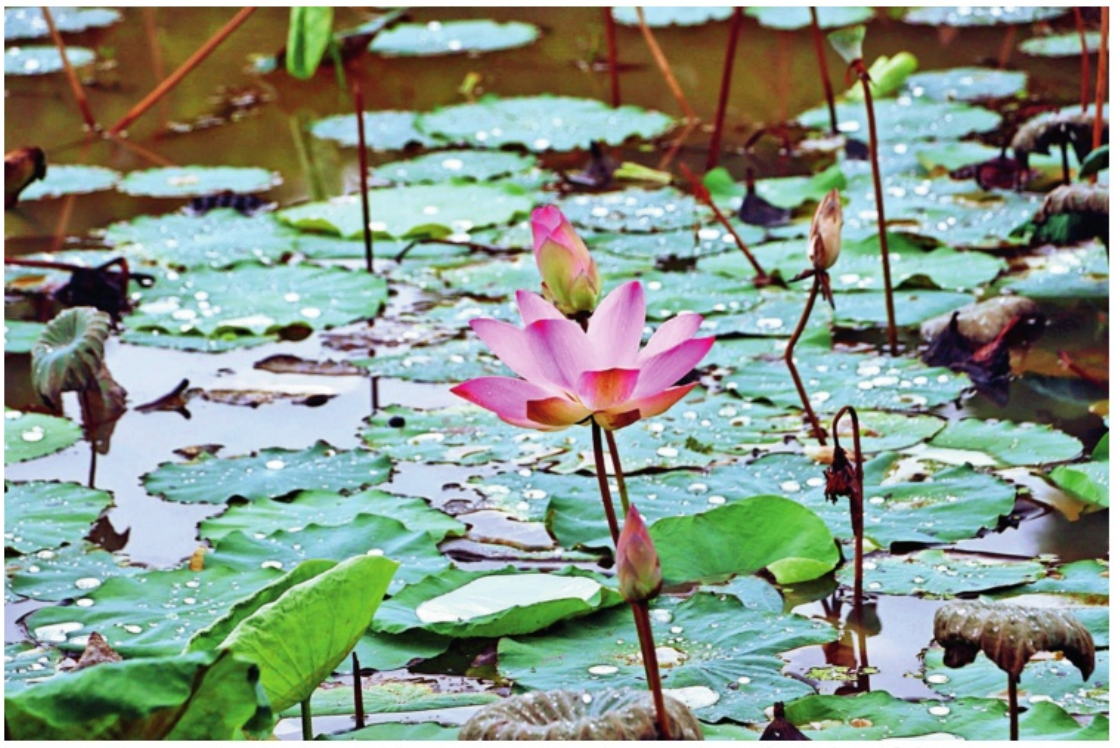

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Show some passion for post-match cleaning too

After the match, the roads leading to the stadium were littered with trash, along with clothes, plastic, and food items

The recent Indian Premier League (IPL) match at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium delighted fans and spectators; however, once the match concluded, the roads leading to the stadium were littered with trash, causing headaches for the pourakarmikas and pedestrians.

Locals note that sporting events worldwide attract passionate spectators, and India is no exception in this regard. Being a cricket-crazy country, India places great importance on the sporting atmosphere. Nevertheless, the recent trash disposal near the stadium after the May 4 match has raised concerns among participating citizens.

Vikram Ponappa, a professional designer who frequents areas like Cubbon Road, Queens Road, and uptown MG Road surrounding the stadium, expressed strong dismay about the garbage-filled environment around it. He commented, "The jubilant fans left everything they owned outside the venue, including food waste, previously sold t-shirts, cardboard boxes, and more. Witnessing this was disheartening; why should our pourakarmikas clean up after everything? It's unfair to them; none of this is their fault. This has occurred in the past as well; management and associations must conduct events more responsibly."

Regarding the issue, G Nagaraj, also known as 'Plog Raj,' the founder of the Indian Ploggers Army, stated that the waste commonly found outside the stadium after matches includes many plastic covers from t-shirt purchases, plastic bottles, food waste, tissues, and flags littered mainly on the medians. "The stadium interior is reasonably well-maintained, but the issue lies outside. To address this, proper announcements should be made to vendors, urging people to use bins for waste disposal and think twice before littering," he said. Nadia K, a student, remarked, "I believe it's time we learn from the Japanese example. During the FIFA World Cup 2022, the world witnessed Japanese spectators cleaning the stadium after matches. This noble practice should extend to sports fans in India. It's commendable how Japanese fans exhibited such responsibility in large stadiums, especially in football, with its mass appeal and ultras culture. It's not just about showing support for your team but also being mindful and responsible."

— Ankita Govind

Empty bottles, t-shirts, cardboard boxes, food waste, etc. were dumped on footpaths outside the venue

DID YOU KNOW?

The Bangalore torpedo was devised by Captain RL McClintock of the Royal Engineers while attached to the Madras Sappers and Miners unit of the Indian Army at Bengaluru in 1912. It was a deadly explosive used worldwide during the First and Second World Wars. The explosion can clear up an area of around four metres. Combat engineers used it to remove obstructions from their path that might otherwise force them to approach directly, possibly under fire. It is also known as a pole charge and is frequently referred to as a "Bangalore mine," "banger," or just "Bangalore."

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TAPTHECHATTER

where Bengalureans speak their mind

Should parks be open from morning to evening, considering that most of them close in between?

Sashikumar, BM Reader
Parks should be kept open the whole day. This will help kids and senior citizens come out of the four walls and enjoy nature during the summer.

Chetan Singh, BM Reader
Yes, parks should be open from 6 am to 10 pm. Closing parks from 10 am to 5 pm is wrong, as these are precious lung spaces for the general public. They are also stress busters and relaxing points for young and old. It is the duty of the police and concerned authorities to ensure parks are safe from anti-social elements.

D Satyanarayana, BM Reader
If the parks are open from 5 am to 9 pm without any break, it is beneficial, especially for the elders, so that after having breakfast, lunch, and dinner, we can take a stroll, which will help our digestive system and keep us fit.

Sridhar, BM Reader
Yes, so that tired Bengalureans can relax under the shade at least for some time in this hot weather. However, they can be closed by around 7 pm to prevent the parks from being used for anti-social activities.

Aditya Kamble, BM Reader
Yes, indeed, the parks should be kept open from morning to evening because people sit and take rest in parks, which helps us relieve stress.

Hemanth D Pai, BM Reader
Lalbagh is my favourite picnic spot as, besides providing an opportunity for walking, it also has historical significance, having the iconic Glass House now used for bi-annual flower shows and one of four towers built by the founder of Bengaluru, Kempe Gowda.

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UGC's guidelines for international student admissions

Supernumerary seats and regulatory compliance: UGC charts path for HEIs to welcome international students

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The University Grants Commission (UGC) has issued guidelines for higher educational institutions (HEIs) to admit international students. Firstly, HEIs can admit international students based on the equivalence of their entry qualifications, determined by UGC or other recognised bodies. A transparent admission process must be adopted for international students.

The circular stated, "Additionally, HEIs can create up to 25 per cent supernumerary seats for international students, over and above their total sanctioned enrolment for undergraduate and postgraduate programs. However, this decision must be made considering infrastructure, faculty, and other requirements, and in accordance with guidelines from regulatory bodies. It's important to note that these supernumerary seats do not include international students under exchange programs or Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between institutions or governments. Efforts should be made to distribute these supernumerary seats among all academic units of the HEI, wherever possible. These seats are exclusively for international students, and any unfilled seats cannot be allocated to others. International students are defined as those holding a foreign passport. The provision

for supernumerary seats must be formalised through approval from the statutory body/bodies of the HEI, following guidelines from regulatory bodies."

The circular also stated that supernumerary seats in professional and technical institutes will be governed by respective statutory bodies, while those for Ph.D. programs will be governed by UGC regulations. All HEIs must have an 'Office for International Students' that maintains year-wise details of international students, including country, number, program/subject, duration, etc., and makes this information available on their website. Furthermore, HEIs must provide details on available seats for international students, fee structures, admission processes, eligibility conditions, etc., on their website. Finally, all existing rules and provisions notified by the Government of India regarding visas, Foreign Regional Registration Offices (FRRO), etc., must be followed by HEIs.

Meanwhile, in another circular, UGC regulations prohibited the enrolment of Foreign Nationals in Open and Distance Learning Programmes. "In accordance with the University Grants Commission (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020, and subsequent amendments, higher educational institutions (HEIs) recognised for offering ODL programmes are directed not to enrol foreign nationals in these programmes. The regulations stipulate that only learners residing in India can be enrolled in ODL programmes, and all activities such as admissions, contact programmes, and examinations must be conducted within the territorial jurisdiction of the HEI. This directive is in line with the Ministry of Home Affairs policy, which states that student visas will not be issued to foreign nationals sponsored by franchise educational institutes running off-campus centres or study centres of open universities offering distance learning programmes. HEIs are advised to comply with these regulations and restrict enrolment in ODL programmes to learners residing in India only," said Manish Joshi, secretary, UGC.

Students score high on stress levels

As competition increases and the stakes are higher than ever before, students of today are battling severe stress and pressure, especially during the exam season.

The Karnataka SSLC exams were held between March 25 to April 6, the Karnataka School Examination and Assessments Board (KSEAB) announced the results yesterday, on May 9. Over 8 lakh candidates appeared for the exams across the state. CBSE Board exam results are expected to be released later this month. Other competitive exams like NEET/JEE results are also said to be announced soon in the following month.

Sandhya Suresh, a homemaker from Bengaluru commented on her daughter's (a 12th-grade student) experience during competitive exams and her academic journey. She said, "During 10th boards, my daughter was quite tensed due to the pressure and hype built around the board exams by teachers and society in general. When she used to get stressed, I would comfort her and tell her that it would be okay. After 10th she has become much calmer.".

Measures for students to regulate emotions and maintain mental well-being:

- Practicing self-care
- Time management
- Setting realistic goals
- Seeking support
- Practicing positive self-talk
- Engaging in recreational activities
- Limiting stressors
- Taking frequent breaks
- Staying connected
- Seeking professional help if needed

CAMPUS NOTES

As students wait eagerly to receive the fruits of their hard work and labour, they are plagued with a number of mental health concerns like anxiety, fear of failure, distress, self-doubt, helplessness, and disturbed sleep, which ultimately affect their physical health and well-being as well. They are faced with a disproportionate amount of pressure when compared to previous generations. The steep growth and development in the science and technology sphere have transformed our lives unimaginably, thereby affecting today's students in myriad ways.

Dhriti Bharadwaj, associate psychologist at Augmenta Health, Bengaluru sheds light on the situation by providing her insights. She says, "Exam season tends to be an incredibly stressful time for students, with pressures mounting from various angles contributing to increased levels of anxiety and stress. The intensity of exams can exacerbate pre-existing mental health conditions or trigger new ones. The fear of failure or not meeting expectations can weigh heavily on students, leading to feelings of overwhelm, anxiety, and even depression."

Additionally, she adds that "Caregivers and teachers serve as pillars of support for students navigating the challenges of academically stressful periods, notably during the exam season. Their roles extend beyond imparting knowledge; they must create an environment where students feel safe to express their anxieties and stressors and seek assistance for the same. Central to this is fostering open communication channels that encourage dialogue about mental health and destigmatise seeking help."

—Ankita Govind

THE SUNDAY READ

About the traffic situation

Police Commissioner B Dayananda, along with Joint Commissioner MN Anucheth addressed traffic issues during the Sanchara Samparka Divasa event in the city's West Zone, on Saturday. Citizens brought up various concerns, including the operation of bike taxi services and speeding near educational institutions. Of particular concern was the safety of children and other road users due to reports of bike taxi drivers lacking proper documentation and instances of reckless driving. The police assured the public of decisive action to address these issues.

Attendees praised the effectiveness of traffic apps introduced by the police, particularly in reducing speeding incidents near Jnana Bharathi College.

A recurring issue raised was the shortage of traffic cabins and delayed police response in certain areas. In response, authorities pledged to improve traffic management infrastructure and install more cabins at signals in collaboration with BBMP. Concerns such as the absence of number plates, illegal modifications on two-wheelers, and the use of black films on vehicles were highlighted. Concerns were also raised about the fine of Rs 500, considering it insufficient punishment. **–BMB**

Curtains on a great show

With Cauvery Theatre also giving in to pressures of the time, we look at city's single-screen theatre legacy

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One ticket to Majestic', you may have heard this request many times on a BMTC bus. What is this Majestic, we refer to? The name harks back to a cinema theatre called Majestic, once a beloved haunt for movie buffs. Several other bus stands across the city are named after erstwhile theatres. Sujatha, Central, Nataraja, Nanda, or Swastik are all nods to theaters that thrived in the past.

In a city of diminishing single-screen theatres, yet another theatre is bidding adieu: The Cauvery Theatre will soon make way for a commercial complex.

Owner of the cinema Prakash Narasimhaiah, told Bangalore Mirror about the theatre's past glory. "Ours used to be the most favoured theatre, not just for moviegoers but also for film personalities. However, nowadays, fewer people are turning up to watch films at single-screen theatres. Collections are dwindling, and we are facing significant expenses. In the old days, we used to adorn the theatre with huge garlands and cutouts of film stars, but such grandeur is not feasible in multiplexes."

Cauvery Theatre has a rich history, with its first screening being the matinee idol Dr. Rajkumar's 'Bangarada Panjara' on January 11, 1974. The theatre enjoyed steady business until the lockdown. However, post-lockdown, the audience shifted either to OTT platforms or multiplexes, leading to a decline in patronage for single-screen cinemas. Previously, Cauvery Theatre stood as one of the largest theatres in Bengaluru, boasting a seating capacity of 1,384. However, in 1995, it underwent renovations which reduced its seating capacity to 1,100.

The tale of disappearing single-screen theatres unfolds as you walk along Kempegowda (KG) Road. KG Road, in the heart of Bengaluru, was once adorned with a vibrant array of a dozen single-screen theatres, creating a bustling hub for cinema enthusiasts. This road held a special place in the realm of Kannada cinema, often likened to the illustrious 'Broadway' of the film industry. While the grandeur of those days may have dimmed, the nostalgic memories linger.

Venturing into the side streets branching off KG Road reveals a past where numerous theatres thrived, each contributing to the city's cinematic charm. Unfortunately, with time, many of these theatres have vanished. Tribhuvan, Kailash, and Kapali are among those that have succumbed to redevelopment. Iconic theatres such as Kempegowda, Himalaya, Kalpana, Alankar, Prabhat, and Geeta have either made way for modern commercial complexes. Sagar, a creation of the legendary Gubbi Veeranna, stood as a symbol of cinematic excellence for decades. It was renowned for showcasing films featuring top-tier stars from both the Hindi and Kannada film industries. Playing at Sagar was not just a screening; it was a testament to a film's quality and success.

However, with changing times, the landscape of single-screen theatres is evolving rapidly. A film distributor reflected on this shift, pointing out that many say standalone theatres no longer meet the expectations of modern audiences. Today's viewers crave comprehensive experiences, leading to the popularity of multiplexes with multiple screens. The conversion of single-screen theatres into multi-screen complexes is seen as a practical step forward.

Not too long ago, Bengaluru boasted a rich tapestry of around 200 single-screen theatres. However, their prominence is gradually fading as multiplexes take centre stage in the city's entertainment scene. During the golden age of single-screen theatres, audiences were treated to a diverse range of films in languages like Kannada, Hindi, English, Tamil, and Telugu. Today, this cinematic diversity extends further to include Malayalam, Bhojpuri, Bengali, and Marathi films, showcasing Bengaluru as a vibrant hub for cultural cinema experiences.

From the perspective of producers, the transition to multiplexes presents an advantage in terms of revenue-sharing arrangements based on box office earnings, which contrasts with the traditional fixed rental system of single-screen theatres. This transition signifies a strategic decision for producers and distributors, considering that releasing films in single screens entails meeting weekly rental obligations that could impact overall profitability. As a result, more films are choosing multiplex releases, catering to diverse audiences across different regional languages.

Prakash said, "I believe that film heroes should ramp up their movie output. Each of the leading heroes should aim for three to four releases annually. This approach will undoubtedly attract audiences to cinemas. Unfortunately, we are witnessing a trend where top heroes are only acting in one film per year or every other year. Without a steady stream of big hero films, we risk losing more single-screen theatres."

> **"In the old days, we used to adorn the theatre with huge garlands and cutouts of film stars, but such grandeur is not feasible in multiplexes**
> –Prakash Narasimhaiah, owner, Cauvery Theatre

Celebrating Motherhood: A Tribute to Superwoman

Despite facing countless challenges and sacrifices, mothers carry on with grace and resilience

Every day, millions of women around the world wake up before the sun rises, ready to tackle the myriad of tasks that come with being a mother. They are the unsung heroes, the silent warriors who navigate through sleepless nights, endless chores, and boundless love without expecting anything in return. Motherhood is a relentless journey, a thankless job that demands resilience, patience, and unwavering dedication. As we celebrate Mother's Day, it's time to shine a spotlight on these incredible superwomen and express our gratitude for all that they do.

The Invisible Strength of Motherhood

Behind every successful child, there stands a strong and loving mother. Mothers are the backbone of families, the pillars of strength that hold everything together. They possess an invisible strength that enables them to weather any storm, overcome any obstacle, and nurture their children with unconditional love. Despite facing countless challenges and sacrifices, mothers carry on with grace and resilience, making every day brighter for their families.

A Thankless Job with Boundless Love

Motherhood is often referred to as a thankless job, yet it is filled with boundless love and selflessness.

> **"Every day, I wake up to the delightful chaos of balancing work, family, personal growth**
>
> –Sonia Kamath
> CEO, Mompreneur Body Nectar

Mothers pour their hearts and souls into nurturing their children, sacrificing their own desires and dreams to ensure the well-being and happiness of their families. They give endlessly without expecting anything in return, embodying the true essence of unconditional love. Today, on Mother's Day, let's take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude to these incredible women who make the world a better place with their love and sacrifices", said Pavitra Kumar, a mother

Sonia Kamath, CEO, Mompreneur Body Nectar said, "Motherhood is like a beautifully intricate tapestry, woven with threads of love, sacrifice, and joy. It's a role that demands endless patience, unwavering dedication, and a heart full of boundless love. From the moment a child enters your life, everything changes. Their tiny footsteps leave imprints on your soul, and suddenly, you find yourself embracing a new identity—a mompreneur. As a mompreneur, I've learned that my child isn't just my inspiration; he is my CEO, guiding me with their innocence, curiosity, and endless energy. Every day, I wake up to the delightful chaos of balancing work, family, and personal growth. And amidst it all, I find moments of pure magic—like when my little boss teaches me valuable lessons in resilience, creativity, and unconditional love."

She said that being a mompreneur isn't just about managing schedules or running a business; it's about nurturing a life while pursuing your dreams. It's about finding harmony between ambition and nurturing, entrepreneurship and bedtime stories, deadlines and playtime. It's a journey of self-discovery, where every challenge is an opportunity to grow, and every setback is a lesson in resilience. "My five-year-old isn't just my adorable child; they are my greatest teacher. They remind me to approach life with curiosity, embrace challenges with courage, and find joy in the simplest of moments. They are the reason I wake up each day with a heart full of gratitude and determination," she added.

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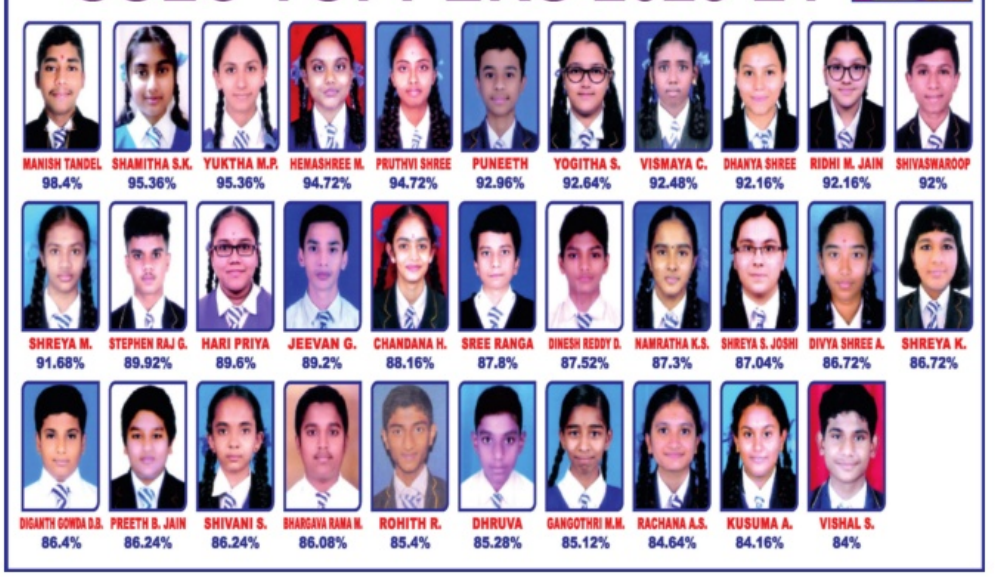

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Twist in the tale

Fusion dessert and an interesting snack to make before mango season is over

MANGO COCONUT PANACOTTA

INGREDIENTS

- 2 ripe mangoes, peeled and diced
- 1 Can Coconut Cream Milk
- 1/2 cup sugar (adjust to taste)
- 1 tsp Mango Essence
- 1/4 cup Cold Water
- Fresh mint leaves for garnish (optional)

METHOD

- In a blender, puree the diced mangoes until smooth. Set aside.
- In a saucepan, combine the coconut milk and sugar over medium heat. Stir until the sugar is dissolved.
- Once the coconut milk mixture is warm, add the mango puree and vanilla extract. Stir until well combined. Taste and adjust sweetness if necessary.
- In a small bowl, sprinkle the gelatine over the cold water and let it sit for about 5 minutes to soften.
- After the gelatine has softened, heat it in the microwave for about 20-30 seconds until it is completely dissolved.
- Pour the dissolved gelatine into the mango coconut mixture and stir until well incorporated.
- Divide the mixture evenly among serving glasses or molds.
- Refrigerate for at least 4 hours, or until set.
- Once set, garnish with fresh mint leaves before serving if desired.

RAW MANGO PAKORA

INGREDIENTS

For Mango Chutney:

- 1 ripe mango, peeled and diced
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup water
- 1 tsp grated ginger
- 1/2 tsp red chili powder
- 1/4 tsp ground cumin
- Salt to taste

For Pakoras:

- 1 cup chickpea flour (besan)
- 1/4 cup rice flour
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 tsp turmeric powder
- 1 tsp red chili powder
- 1/2 tsp garam masala
- Salt to taste
- 1/2 cup water (adjust as needed)
- Oil for frying

METHOD

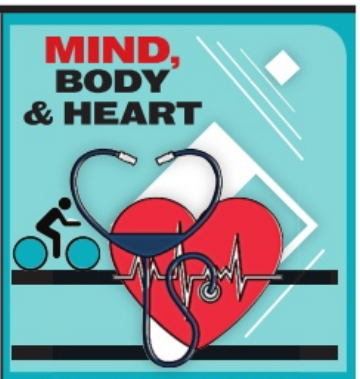
Prepare Mango Chutney:

- In a saucepan, combine diced mango, sugar, water, grated ginger, red chili powder, ground cumin, and salt.
- Cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until the mango softens and the mixture thickens, about 15-20 minutes. Let it cool.

Prepare Pakora Batter:

- In a mixing bowl, combine chickpea flour, rice flour, baking soda, turmeric powder, red chili powder, garam masala, and salt.
- Gradually add water and whisk until you have a smooth batter with a thick consistency. It should coat the back of a spoon.
- Heat oil for frying in a deep frying pan or kadhai over medium-high heat.
- Once the oil is hot, drop spoonfuls of the mango chutney into the pakora batter and gently fold them in until coated.
- Using a spoon or your hands, carefully drop small portions of the pakora batter into the hot oil. Fry in batches, making sure not to overcrowd the pan.
- Fry the pakoras until they are golden brown and crispy, about 3-4 minutes per batch. Remove them using a slotted spoon and drain on paper towels to remove excess oil.
- Serve the Mango Chutney Pakoras hot with your favorite chutney or dipping sauce.

Recipes by Chef Rajinder Sareen, Executive Chef, Sheraton Grand Pune Bund Garden Hotel



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In order to apply this oil, mix lavender oil into three spoons of carrier oil, like olive oil or melted coconut oil and apply it to your scalp directly. Let it stay and soak into the hair for 10 minutes before washing it with shampoo. You can follow this process several times a week.

2. Peppermint
Research conducted with peppermint oil has proved that it increases the number of follicles, follicle depth and overall hair growth. It also helps in promoting hair growth during the growing phase.
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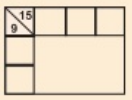
SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

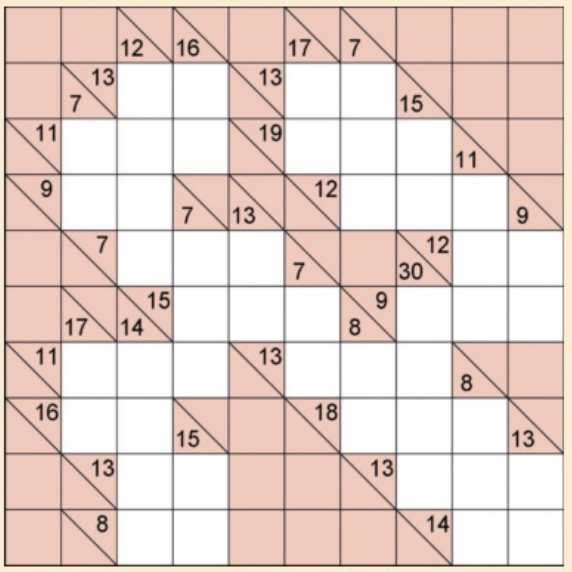
$[\sqrt{49}(\sqrt{9} / (\sqrt{(4 / \sqrt{16})}))] = 7\sqrt{x}$
$x=?$

Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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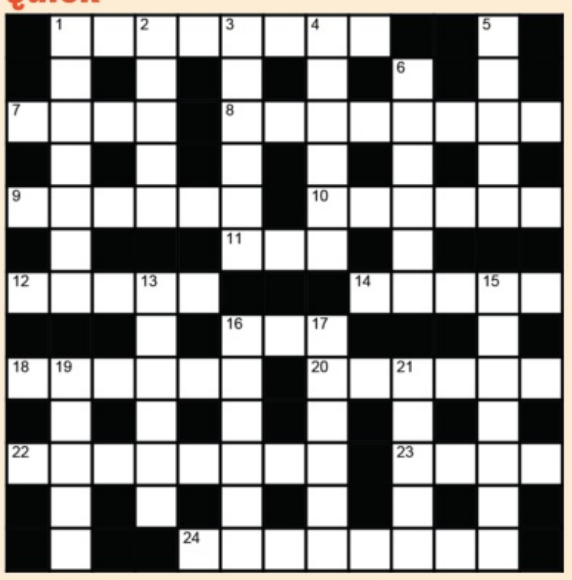


ACROSS

1 Japanese dish (8)
7 Third son of Adam (4)
8 Saw or observed (6,2)
9 Counsel or opinion (6)
10 Surplus (6)
11 The in German (3)
12 Aromatic plant (5)
14 Item in a log (5)
16 Annoy or pester (3)
18 Glacial period (3,3)
20 Develop, come into being (6)
22 Greek philosopher (8)
23 Issue or give out (4)
24 Decorating (8)

DOWN

1 Big Bang Theory's ____ Cooper (7)
2 Batsman Virat ____ (5)
3 Shouted (6)
4 Something to spend in Denmark (6)
5 Thick pieces of soap or cake? (5)
6 Plateau in South Central India? (6)
13 Flight of steps (6)
15 Accelerating sharply the speed of an engine (7)
16 Defeated, got the better of (6)
17 Domestic water heater (6)
19 Dynasty which ruled the area around Bangalore in the 11th century (5)
21 Old manuscript marks (5)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: A EQUALS O

NAAC GAUWQSE QSC NAAC CYJGAKDJB QDB HZB PBDE JYSBRJ AV PYDHKB.

Linemaro

Can I follow you home? My parents always told me to follow my dreams

Mindchow

Propaganda is the art of persuading others of what one does not believe oneself

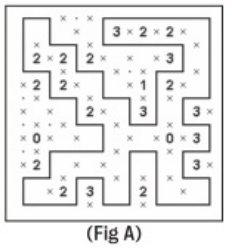
Joke of the day

Truth hurts ... maybe not as much as jumping on a bicycle with the seat missing ... but it hurts

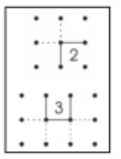
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

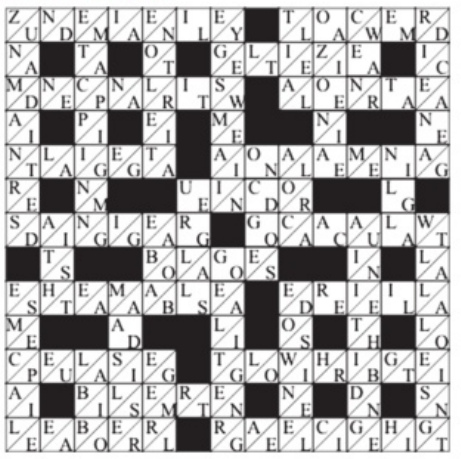


(Fig B) Not Allowed

How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

1	2	3	4	5
6				
7				
8				
9				K

ACROSS

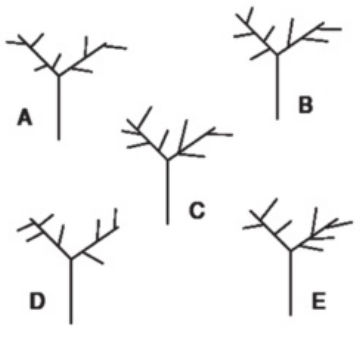
1 Hoses; 6 To Cur;
7 Amino; 8 E croc;
9 Faker

DOWN

1 Fracs; 2 He ROM;
3 On cue; 4 Ceria;
5 OK sot

Mensapuzzle

Which is the odd one out?



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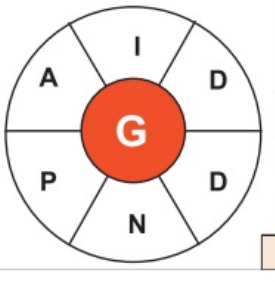


How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

04 Average; 05 Good; 07 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

1			3	9	8			6
7				4				9
	6			1			3	
	3						6	
6			5	2	3			8
	4						1	
	1			7			2	
2				5				1
8			1	3	2			7

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 12
4 6 7 7

Medium = 42
2 2 5 6

Hard = 22
4 6 9 5

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

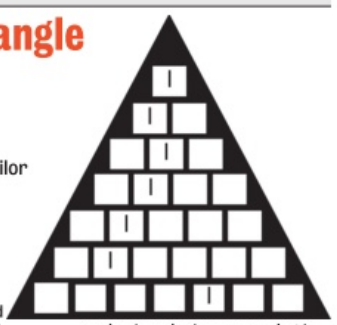
Differences: 1. Ear is different. 2. Paintbrush is longer. 3. Bow tie is missing. 4. Painter is thinner. 5. Line in sidewalk is moved. 6. Glove is longer.

Riddler

Starting with A, add a letter and shuffle to make a new word each time until you reach PENDANT.

Alpha triangle

1 Egoistic letter
2 Not out
3 Envy or sloth
4 Rackets
5 Lashes securely
6 Arabian Nights sailor
7 Brigands



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

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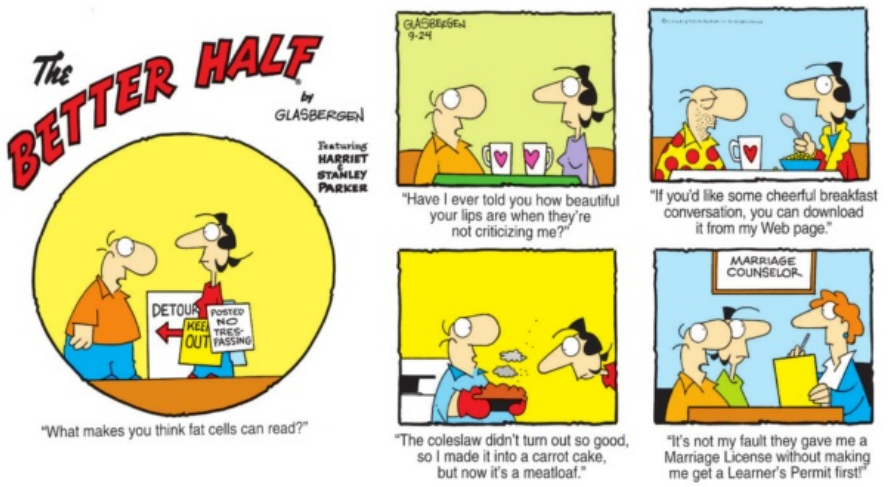
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ANYTHING BUT A FULLY DECORATED TREE PUTS US ALL AT RISK FOR GETTING FEWER GIFTS.
EXCEPT FOR CANDY CANES! THEY CAN'T POSSIBLY COUNT!
THEY COUNT.
AUUUGH!
I BELIEVE YOUR CANDY CANE PROBLEM HAS BEEN SOLVED.
WHY DO I FEEL LIKE I'M WORKING WITH THE MOB?

Character Profile: King Barin
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED REPUBLICS OF MONGO.
IN DAYS PAST, HEAD OF A REBEL BAND SEEKING TO USURP THE EMPEROR'S THRONE.
ENTERING THE TOURNAMENTS OF MONGO, FORCED TO DO BATTLE WITH FLASH GORDON TO WIN THE HAND OF MING'S DAUGHTER...
PRINCESS AURA
FLASH GORDON
By JIM KEEFE
6-5
IN PURSUIT OF MING, FLASH AND DALE ARE MET BY A DREADFUL SIGHT...
BARIN!
NO, NOT BARIN...
AURA...
I BETRAYED YOU, MY BELOVED...
GASP!
THE SLATE IS CLEAN NOW...
SHE TOOK THE BLOW MEANT FOR YOU...
FOR YOU..!
KSHH!
TO BE CONT'D !!!

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, the situation is under control now. Your destiny may likely be with you in terms of gains in business. You may get some rewards for your hard work. It may be a good time to reinitiate your postponed projects. You may expect peaceful religious travel. You may also plan to donate some amount to any religious place or some charity.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, your moon is not in a good position, you may have health issues. You may face losses in business or investment. It is advised not to invest in business. Your gains will convert into losses. So, you are advised to stop making investments in worthless objects. You should avoid being involved in controversies; otherwise, it will negatively affect you.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
You are blessed by the moon today; you may expect to hear some good news in terms of profession. Domestic life may likely be in full swing of joy. You are advised to avoid making arguments on worthless topics. Overexcitement may test your patience. You can make important decisions in making investments in real estate. Students can focus on their studies.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
You will feel some dullness, but somehow you may likely get back to your work. You may pay extra attention to kids' academics. You may likely be in the winning position against your enemies and opponents. Investors should be careful while making difficult decisions. Job seekers may find a suitable job.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you may find negative vibrations around you, which may make you unhappy. Avoid making investments in worthless assets. You may notice that friends may not be supportive today. So, you should not expect more from them for help; otherwise, it may make you more upset. You should make independent decisions today.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you may feel dull; you may face obstacles in your work front. You should keep patience in making investments. Quick decisions in business are not advisable today. You are likely to spend money on worthless stuff, which may make your family unhappy.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, your hard work may pay you in terms of success. You may plan to go for a short work-related visit. Your subordinates may support you in implementing your business plans. Your opponents may praise your hard work. You may hear good news in terms of siblings.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you may be able to control your expenditures on worthless stuff. You may likely plan to invest capital in the business. You may invest your savings in some real estate projects, which will boost your financial health in the near future. You may be polite to others. You may focus on domestic affairs, but your spouse will become upset or will have some health issues.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you may have good vitality and inner strength. You may likely make good plans and implement them efficiently. But you should carefully read documents before putting a signature. Due to overenthusiasm, you may invest some capital into the family business. Love birds shall avoid discussing worthless topics.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today is not a good day due to anxiety and restlessness. You may waste your precious time doing worthless tasks. You may plan to visit some religious places to seek peace of mind. You may get some advice from your elders, which may show you some direction to manage the messy situation.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, with social get-togethers, you will re-establish your network, which will give you benefits in the near future. Natives related to glamour, art, and fashion will plan to do something new in terms of their profession. Students will perform better today in terms of study. Love birds will enjoy their happy moments.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you may be busy in the work front, which may make you tired and may not be able to spend proper time in family get-togethers. You may be able to create some overseas networks too. You should be careful in terms of investments. Natives in the job may get a promotion.

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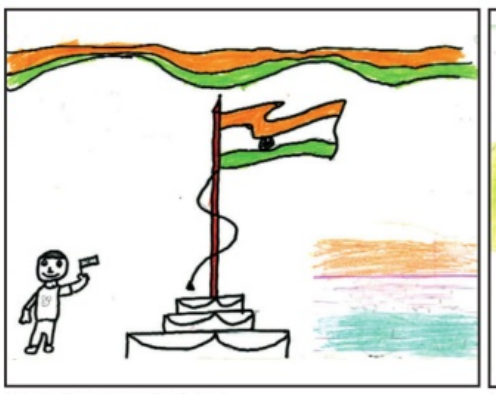

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SOLUTIONS

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RIDDLER
One solution is: A, AT, PAT, PATE, ADEPT, PANTED, PENDANT

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FAST FIVE

BULL'S EYE
adding, aping, ding, gain, pang, ping

STRIKE OUT

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MENSA PUZZLE
E: all the others have four twigs on the left-side branch and three twigs on the right side. Option E is the other way round.

QUOTE UNCODE
Good company and good discourse are the very sinews of virtue.

SUDOKU

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2	9	7	6	5	4	3	8	1
8	5	4	1	3	2	6	9	7

ALPHA TRIANGLE
I, In, Sin, Dins, Bindis, Sindbad, Bandits.

GO FIGURE
Easy
4 + 7 + 7 − 6 = 12
Medium
6 + 2 × 5 + 2 = 42
Hard
9 − 5 × 4 + 6 = 22

LOOP

KAKURO

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Laugh out, but not all the way

RAMANA AVATARA (KANNADA)
3.0 RATING ★★★★★
- **DIRECTOR** Vikas Pampapathi
- **ACTORS** Rishi, Pranitha Subhash, Shubra Aiyappa, Anirudh Acharya, Arun Sagar.
- **Duration** 136 minutes
- **Certification** U

Ramana Avatara is Vikas Pampapathi's maiden movie as a director. He has tried to present it as a modern day Ramayana adaptation and succeeded to some extent. The first-half of the movie is a laughter riot. The director should have ensured that the screenplay remained crisp even post-intermission.

The movie begins with a village leader exhorting his supporters not to let Ramakrishna (Rishi) leave the village while a police inspector is enquiring why the villagers are running helter-skelter. At this juncture, the director introduces a scene narrating how Ramakrishna falls in love with Poorni (Shubra Aiyappa) and how she leaves the village after getting a job in Bengaluru. This makes Ramakrishna take a decision to enter politics.

Ramakrishna along with his friends and the village leader collect funds for the election but his close friend Design (Anirudha Acharya) escapes with the funds. This is why Ramakrishna runs away from the village to Mangaluru where his friend Viji works at a resort.

Meanwhile, Sita (Pranitha Subhash) comes to Mangaluru to do project work and stays at the same resort where Ramakrishna and his friend work.

Ramakrishna, while working as a chauffeur for Sita, falls in love with her, when she gets kidnapped. What happens to Sita, why she is kidnapped and what happens to Ramakrishna is what the movie Ramana Avatara is all about.

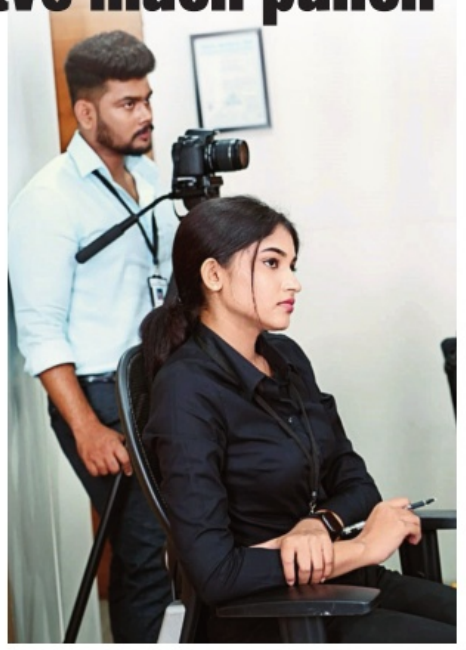
Rishi has tried his best to make the audiences keep laughing during the first half of the movie. Shubra Aiyappa and Pranitha Subhash have acted well. Arun Sagar and Anirudh Acharya provide good support. Judah Sandhy's music is good.

It is worth a watch for family audiences.

-Y Maheswara Reddy

Thriller does not have much punch

4N6 (KANNADA)
2.5 RATING ★★½☆☆
- **DIRECTOR** Darshan Srinivas
- **ACTORS** S NRachana Inder, Bhavani Prakash, Naveen Kumar, Adya Shekar, Arjun, Ashita, and Saurav.
- **Duration** 116 minutes
- **Certification** UA



4N6 is the latest movie to join the list of crime thrillers. Director Darshan Srinivas debuts in Sandalwood with this movie that revolves around the murder of doctors.

The movie begins with Sumitra (Adya Sekhar) trying to locate her missing purse and how her intelligent daughter Naisa helps her find it.

Sumitra's dream is to make her daughter Naisa a police officer. The next scene is forensic expert Naisa (Rachana Inder) along with James Bond (Naveen Kumar) visiting a crime spot where Dr Sandeep has been murdered. Police Inspector Shikari Devi (Bhavani Prakash), also visits the spot and looks for clues.

While the police are struggling to nab the murderer, one more doctor is murdered. The police shift the body for postmortem. Meanwhile, one more doctor gets murdered. The film 4N6 is about this mystery of why only doctors are being murdered and who the culprit is.

Director Darshan Srinivas has tried to prove his mettle with his maiden movie and has succeeded to some extent.

If the movie had more actors, especially more popular ones, it would have been a good crime thriller.

Rachana Inder looks beautiful but fails to impress as a forensic expert. Bhavani Prakash, in the role of a police inspector who is always seen smoking cigarettes or emptying liquor bottles rather than focusing on detecting crime, is convincing as a police inspector who is in a terrible hurry to close murder cases.

Though the screenplay is crisp during the pre-intermission session, post-intermission, it starts to drag a bit. The background music is not up to the mark.

But if you are a fan of crime thrillers, you can catch this film.

-Y Maheswara Reddy

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